

**MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING**

Retail Consumption License(s)

Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:00 am

This meeting has been advertised in accordance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gross

Roll Call

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the ordinance and process for issuance of the retail consumption license(s).

Discussion Item:

1. Retail Consumption License(s)

Adjournment

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Present:

Patricia Gross
J. Roy Oliver
Ken Whildin
Frank DiDomenico, Solicitor
Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gross at 10:00 am and the pledge of allegiance followed..

Roll Call:

Mrs. Gross, present
Mr. Oliver, present
Mr. Whildin, present

Discussion Item:

1. Retail Consumption License(2)

The Township Committee and Frank DiDomenico reviewed the sample ordinances from two other municipalities. It was discussed that once the ordinance is passed that the license(s) availability would be put out for public auction (bid). The Township Committee decided to place the minimum bid for both licenses at \$25,000 each.

Mr. DiDomenico and the Township Committee set the parameters for the bidding items to be included in the bid proposals:

- * 75 seat minimum
- * restaurant style
- * full service kitchen
- * not to exceed 15% barstools to tables ratio

Additional items to be included in the ordinance are:

- * license issued to zones that permit restaurants
- * minimum 200 feet from door-to-door from any church or school
- * hours during the weekdays and Saturday shall be 11:00 am to 11:00 pm; Sundays are 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm
- * licensee must be an active restaurant serving alcohol at least 30 days a year
- * no package goods sales are permitted

It was discussed that the zoning officer will be the enforcing agent for the township. The Fire Official will conduct all inspections. The New Jersey State Police will enforce for underage drinking and alcohol related violations such as DWI and violence related complaints.

The annual fee will start at \$1,250 with annual increases of 3% with rounding to the nearest whole dollar until the maximum is met which is set by the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations is met (the current maximum is \$2,500).

Advertising for the bid proposals must be advertised twice, at least one week apart and receipt of 30 days. The award will of the licenses will be made by Resolution.

It was further discussed that for anyone projecting to build a restaurant that it must be open within 2 years of issuance of the license.

Adjournment

Mr. Oliver made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whildin

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk